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SUBJ: BELGRADE CSCE: MEDITERRANEAN WORKING BODY

1. MFA OFFICIALS HAVE BROUGHT TO OUR ATTENTION TWO
DRAFT RESOLUTIONS WHICH HAVE BEEN SUBMITTED TO THE MEDI-
TERRANEAN WORKING BODY AT THE BELGRADE CSCE AND WHICH
CONCERN ISRAELI OFFICIALS VERY MUCH. THESE RESOLUTIONS
WERE RAISED IN THE WORKING BODY AFTER ISRAELI PAR-
TICIPATION WAS TERMINATED AND THE ISRAELIS HAVE BEEN
RELYING ON THE GERMANS TO PROVIDE THEM INFORMATION VIA
THE ISRAELI EMBASSY IN BONN.

2. THE FIRST OF THESE RESOLUTION IS BM/66, WHICH IS A
MALTESE PROPOSAL REGARDING SECURITY IN THE MEDITERRANEAN.
ISRAEL UNDERSTANDS THAT THE RESOLUTION HAS LITTLE CHANCE
OF ACCEPTANCE BUT IS CONCERNED BECAUSE THE RULE OF
CONSENSUS MAY PERMIT THE MALTESE TO IMPEDE PROGRESS
IN OTHER FIELDS UNTIL SOMETHING IS GIVEN TO THEM ON
THEIR RESOLUTION.

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3. THE SECOND PROPOSAL IS RESOLUTION BM/M/1 WHICH WAS
PROPOSED BY FRANCE, ITALY, SPAIN, PORTUGAL, YUGOSLAVIA
AND TURKEY ON DECEMBER 12, IN WHICH THE PARTICIPATING
STATES REAFFIRM THEIR INTENT TO INTENSIFY THEIR EFFORTS
IN CSCE AND DECIDE:

A. TO CALL A MEETING OF EXPERTS IN MALTA WHOSE

MANDATE WOULD BE TO CONSIDER THE POSSIBILITIES AND MEANS OF PROMOTING INITIATIVES FOR MUTUAL BENEFICIAL COOPERATION IN VARIOUS ECONOMIC, SCIENTIFIC AND CULTURAL FIELDS SUCH AS TOURISM AND HEALTH AND EDUCATION, TAKING DUE ACCOUNT OF SUCH INITIATIVES ALREADY UNDERWAY. THIS CONTINUING DIALOGUE WOULD BE IN THE FRAMEWORK OF THE CSCE AND THE NON-PARTICIPATING MEDITERRANEAN STATES WILL BE INVITED TO CONTRIBUTE TO THE WORK OF THIS GROUP.

B. TO RECOMMEND THAT THE STATES DIRECTLY CONCERNED UNDERTAKE ADDITIONAL EFFORTS AIMED AT ACHIEVING THE OBJECTIVES SET FORTH IN THE FINAL ACT BY UNILATERAL, BILATERAL OR MULTILATERAL ACTIVITIES PRIOR TO THE NEXT MEETING SIMILAR TO THE PRESENT ONE, INCLUDING HOLDING AT AN APPROPRIATE DATE A MEETING ORGANIZED BY THE MEDITERRANEAN STATES.

4. ISRAELIS QUESTIONS INCLUDE: WHO WOULD BE THE PARTICIPATING STATES? WHAT IS THE RELATIONSHIP BETWEEN PARTS A AND B OF RESOLUTION BM/M/1? IS THE LIST OF SUBJECTS IN SUBPARAGRAPH A AN INDICATIVE OR RESTRICTIVE LISTING? IS THE "SIMILAR MEETING" REFERRED TO IN PARAGRAPH B THE NEXT CSCE MEETING AT THE BELGRADE LEVEL? ISRAEL IS CONSIDERING SENDING A DELEGATE AGAIN TO BELGRADE IF THESE TWO RESOLUTIONS ARE TO BE PURSUED AND IT WOULD BE USEFUL FOR THE GOI FOR THAT REASON TO KNOW THE TIMING OF THE FUTURE CONSIDERATIONS OF THESE RESOLUTIONS.
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